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Thanksgiving

President Wilson in his Thanksgiving Proclamation makes no attempt to recount the specific things for which the Nation at this time has cause to be grateful. Had he particularized doubtless he would have given the result of the Second Liberty Loan a prominent place among those things for which the Nation should be thankful.

For the great result of the Second Liberty Loan campaign, with nearly 10,000,000 Americans rallying to the financial support of the nation and subscribing over four and half billion dollars for the purchase of Liberty Loan Bonds, is a cause for deep thanksgiving in the heart of every loyal American.

President Wilson says the Nation should be thankful that we have been given the opportunity to serve mankind as we once served ourselves in the great day of our Declaration of Independence by taking up arms against the tyranny that threatened to master and debase men everywhere.

So, too, can all subscriber to the Liberty Loan be thankful that they have been given an opportunity to aid in this great mission of America and have done their part toward giving to the world liberty and justice and security from the tyranny that threatens to master and debase all nations and all men.

Every purchaser of a Liberty Loan Bond has struck a blow for human liberty and for civilization and humanity. Let them remember this on Thursday, the 29th day of November, and be thankful.

Farmers Doing Their Part

A tendency has developed, on the part of some persons who are given to hasty judgement, to criticise the attitude of farmers in the present crisis. The farmers have been charged with indifference and with not doing their share toward winning the war. No other man is in better position to know what the farmers are contributing toward national safety than Dean F. B. Mumford of the University of Missouri college of agriculture. As dean of Missouri's college of agriculture, as chairman of the state council of defense and as federal food administrator of the state, he comes in direct contact with the activities of farmers. In a recent talk before the Missouri Livestock Producers' Association he said that the farmers of Missouri are doing as much as and probably more than any other class of people. The farmers responded to the appeal for increased production with one of the largest potato crops in the history of the state. In addition they have produced a 268,000,000 bushel crop of corn. This is 136,000,000 bushels more than the production 1916. The increase in the corn crop is greater than in any other state. Furthermore, Missouri farmers have increased the wheat acreage sown this fall, and when the final statistics have been compiled, it will be found that they have done their share toward meeting the demands.

In speaking of the necessity for increased livestock production Dean Mumford said that the farmers had always responded, that they had never failed and that they would not fail this time. "The farmers are going to produce livestock because it is needed," said Dean Mumford.

Send Candy To Soldiers

Save the sugar and candy here, yes, but by all means send candy to the boys in France and in our own camps, urges Miss Louise Stanley of the University of Missouri. Hard candies ship best, we were told, and we immediately think of the brittles. These are easily prepared by melting sugar with constant stirring until there are no lumps. When melted stir in crushed nuts. Pour out on buttered flat surface, flatten out and mark into squares before it cools. Sirup may be substituted for the sugar but it is more difficult in this case to tell when the candy is done. In any case the candy should be packed in air tight containers. If these candies are exposed to a moist atmosphere they absorb the water and become sticky on the outside.

Most men like fudge, and fudge can be sent easily, according to Miss Stanley. Cook together 2½ cups sugar, ½ cup sorghum molasses and a cup of water. Stir until all the sugar is dissolved, then cook slowly without stirring until it reaches the soft ball. Keep crystals well wiped off the sides. Pour out on a greased slab adding 2 squares of chocolate and 2 table-spoons of butter — the heat in the sirup is enough to melt these. Cool to the temperature of the room. Beat until it commences to cream, then work in your hands until soft. Add nuts if desired. Pack in well greased paraffined cartons of pasteboard. After closing the end seal by dipping in melted paraffin. This cake of fudge should keep moist and creamy, and when opened at the camps or in France can be cut in the desired pieces for serving.

Meatless and Wheatless Days

Missouri is taking the observation of "Meatless Day" on Tuesday of each week and "Wheatless Day" on Wednesday of each week with a serious purpose, according to reports which have been made to the federal food administration for the state.

Two hotels in Kansas City conserved 1,800 pounds of meat and 1,000 pounds of flour on the day designated. The same occurred in St. Louis and other cities in the state from the larger hotels down to the smaller restaurants. The railroads in addition to observing the two days on their dining cars have gone further and are not serving the wheat Vienna breads at any time, substituting rye and other conservation breads.

Meatless and wheatless days are being observed as rigidly in the homes in the state. An estimate of the number of soldiers which could be fed on the saving of meat and wheat on the days will make a total of many thousands.

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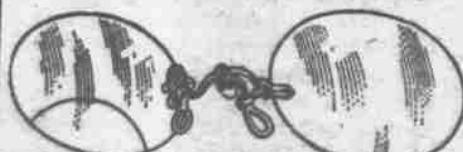
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